

Vehicle crimes occur over weekend

By Frank Male
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Criminal damage to property occurred late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, according to a Riley County Police report.

An unknown suspect caused damage estimated at \$600 to a silver Honda CR-V owned by Casey Devore, 24, of Manhattan.

RCPD Capt. Hank Nelson said the instrument used was determined to be a full beer can.

The incident took place at Devore's residence.

In addition, two vehicles were burglarized late Sunday night. Michael Titus, 37, reported \$2,120 in items stolen from his car. The items included golf clubs, a GPS system, sunglasses and an iPod.

Gregory Gilman, 44, also lost \$5,276 to vehicular burglary. Cash, checks, a camera, a camcorder and a laptop were stolen from the car.

Nelson said no arrests have been made as a result of these incidents.

DHS secretary, governor tour BRI

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Less than a month after Manhattan was officially named as the next location of the National Bio and Agro-Defense facility, the Department of Homeland Security is looking at how it can utilize the resources already on the K-State campus.

In her first trip outside of Washington, D.C., since taking the job as DHS secretary, Janet Napolitano toured the Biosecurity Research Institute north of the Veterinary Medical Center with Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius as well as area and state leaders.

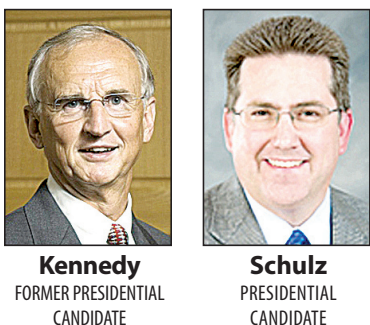
"In reality, this is the best place in the United States to have this type of facility because of the expertise in the animal health community that already exists here in Kansas and Manhattan," said Napolitano, former governor of Arizona.

While the BRI is a Biosafety Level 3 facility and the NBAF will be a Biosafety Level 4 facility, Tom Thornton, president of the Kansas Bioscience Authority, said the BRI can research all but three of the diseases researched at the current NBAF facility on Plum Island, N.Y.

Napolitano said an evaluation team from the DHS is coming next week

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President to be announced this afternoon



By Ann Conrad
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After one of two remaining finalists for the K-State presidency withdrew from the search, the Kansas Board of Regents announced it will select and then officially introduce K-State's new president today, according to a statement released Tuesday.

The Board will meet at 1:30

p.m. today in Topeka.

Robert Kennedy, president of the University of Maine, announced he will continue his position as Maine's president, according to a statement from the University of Maine, also released Tuesday.

"While I appreciated the opportunity to be considered for the Kansas State presidency, I am delighted to be continuing in my role at the University of Maine," Kenne-

dy said in a press release.

Kirk Schulz, vice president of research and economic development at Mississippi State University, is the final presidential candidate left in the running.

Both Lydia Peele, student body president and member of the presidential search committee, and a Board of Regents representative said they could not comment about the candidates.

Reaching out



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Speaking on the mass media's role in the 2008 presidential election, **Ed Gordon**, anchor on BET Nightly News, presented in the Union Ballroom Tuesday evening. After a short speech, Gordon had a question and answer session with members of the audience.

Journalist discusses opportunity, race in media

By Ashley Denney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Ed Gordon, award-winning journalist and news anchor, spoke Tuesday night at the K-State Student Union Ballroom in an event sponsored by the Black Student Union and Diverse Mass Communicators.

The event was part of

Black History Month.

"We were trying to find someone who could impact the KSU community by speaking during Black History Month," said Cassandra Smith, freshman in finance and BSU member.

Gordon discussed the issues of race and opportunity in media, relating not only to

the recent election of President Barack Obama but also to students who are facing difficulties in tough economic times.

Regarding the election, Gordon said the reason Obama won was because he was not afraid to seize his opportunity. Gordon emphasized the importance of pursuing one's moment saying, "Had

Barack Obama not taken his moment a convention ago, we would not have found him so interesting, and we would not have President Obama."

Gordon went on to exhort students to ask themselves if they are doing everything they can to be ready to enter the world after college.

"Part of Barack Obama's

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Lab worker exposed to hazardous chemicals Tuesday

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A lab worker was exposed to waste chemicals in an accident in Durland Hall on Tuesday.

The worker accidentally mixed some incompatible waste chemicals together that over-pressurized, and the container exploded, spilling the substance on the worker.

Steven Galitzer, K-State director of environmental health and safety, said the lab worker, whose name has yet to be disclosed, was taken to Mercy Regional Health Center to be examined by a doctor.

Galitzer said this is the standard procedure for chemical hygiene.

The spill was cleaned up by the Manhattan Fire Department Hazardous-Materials team as well as the K-State in-house hazmat team.

"Everything after the accident worked the way it was supposed to," Galitzer said.



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The Manhattan Fire Department Hazardous-Materials team responds to a chemical spill at the engineering complex on Tuesday evening after a lab accident. As of publication time, the fire department was unavailable for comment.

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THE PLANNER
CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Mary E. Rumpho-Kennedy, professor of biochemistry at the University of Maine, will give the lecture “Horizontal Gene Transfer and the Evolution of Photosynthesis in a Kleptoplasmic Animal” at 4 p.m. today in Ackert 221. Refreshments will be provided. The Department of Biology is sponsoring the lecture.

“Wildcat Watch” will feature the K-State Proud campaign kick-off this week. See www.k-state.tv for air times.

Little American Royal, sponsored by the Block and Bridle and Dairy Science clubs, is a livestock show using university-owned animals. Participants have the chance to work with and show a dairy or beef heifer, lamb, pig or horse. It is open to all K-State students, with a scholarship contest open to all participants. Sign-ups will be in Weber and Call halls today. LAR is April 18. For more information, contact show president Billy Brown at brownb@ksu.edu.

Applications for Student Alumni Board are now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at www.k-state.com/sab. Applications are due by 5 p.m. today at the Alumni Center.

Walk-in Wednesday will be from noon to 4 p.m. today at Holtz Hall. It is sponsored by Career & Employment Services.

Dennis Hedke from Hedke-Saenger Geoscience Ltd. will give the lecture “Energy & Environment of the 21st Century” at 4 p.m. Thursday in Thompson 213. Refreshments will be provided. The Department of Geology is sponsoring the lecture.

A rape survivor support group for students affected by sexual assault is a new group forming through the K-State Women’s Center. The first meeting is 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Holton 206. For more information, visit www.k-state.edu/womenscenter or call 785-532-6444.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Robyn Seglem at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 in Bluemont 368. The thesis topic is “It’s Like Having a Library, And You Don’t Get to Go: Educators Negotiating Boundaries When Working With New Literacies.”

The Disney College Program will give presentations on internships at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in the K-State Student Union 213.

Applications for Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society are now available online at www.k-state.edu/mortarboard. Juniors and seniors with 75 or more credit hours and a 3.0 GPA or better are encouraged to

apply. Applications are due by noon Feb. 20.

The Student Homecoming Committee is seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the Alumni Center or complete one online at www.k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session Noontime Nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all 8 sessions. Sign up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The Planner is the Collegian’s bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run.

WEIRD NEWS

WOMAN WANTS LARGEST BREASTS
HOUSTON – A Houston woman is gunning for the world’s biggest breasts. Sheyla Hershey, 28, said she has been told that her 38KKK-sized breast implants are record-breaking. Hershey said it is her dream to have the world’s largest breasts. The Brazilian native has had 11 breast augmentation surgeries since 2001 – all performed in Brazil.

CAR SELLS FOR \$4.4 MILLION
LONDON – A car abandoned in a garage for half a century sold at an auction in Paris for about \$4.4 million Friday. The 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante Coupe – one of only 17 ever made – now belongs to a European collector. The supercar was so ahead of its time it could go up to 130 mph when most other

cars topped out about 50 mph.

WOMAN FAILS DRIVER’S TEST 771 TIMES
SEOUL, South Korea – A woman in South Korea who has taken the written exam required for a driver’s license nearly every day since 2005 has failed again – but is hoping attempt No. 772 will be the charm. The aspiring driver took her first test in April 2005, said Choi Young-chul, an official at the North Jeolla Province driver’s license agency in Jeonju. She has taken the test a record 771 times, most recently on Monday, but has yet to pass. The 68-year-old has spent \$3,000 on fees for the test, he said.

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Healthy DECISIONS

Henry, Stoskopf file for president, vice president

By Ashley Denney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Dalton Henry, chair of Student Governing Association's government relations committee, and Wayne Stoskopf, chair of the SGA privilege fee committee, filed to run as student body president and vice president, respectively, Tuesday.

The duo is running on a platform summarized by the slogan "Real People. Real Action," which is centered on the need to offer students more connections, safety and options. Henry, senior in agricultural economics and agricultural communication, said he and Stoskopf are focused on "realistic issues that can make a difference for students."

Henry and Stoskopf, junior in agribusiness, have experience in SGA and other campus activities.

Henry is a member of the College of Agriculture Ambassadors, Collegiate Farm Bureau and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Stoskopf has been involved in SGA since his freshman year, beginning as an intern and then moving on to the government relations and privilege fee committees. He is also a member of the Student Alumni Board and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

Stoskopf said the pair's campaign focuses on making a difference in students' lives, including a plan to offer more tuition waivers to out-of-state students, as well as doing more to make the edges of campus safer.

"Campus is fairly safe," Henry said. "We want to extend that safety net to the community."

Building connections for students is also key for Henry and Stoskopf. In tough economic times especially, they said they see the need to work with students, community members, and K-State alumni to help students find jobs and internships.

Henry and Stoskopf said they believe their involvement in the community can give them a broad perspective on the is-



COURTESY PHOTO
Wayne Stoskopf, junior in agribusiness, and **Dalton Henry**, senior in agricultural communications and journalism, and filed to run for student body vice president and president, respectively.

sues that affect students as the university deals with a difficult economic situation and a transition in university leadership.

According to the pair's campaign Web site, Henry said he is running for student body president because "our university faces many changes and

challenges and [he] want to ensure that K-State continues to focus on meeting students' needs."

More information about the candidates and their platform can be found at their campaign Web site, www.realaction09.com.

CCR will play 2 Wareham shows

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Cross Canadian Ragweed, an Oklahoma-based country band, will be playing at the Wareham Opera House tonight and Thursday. Both shows are sold out.

Tonight's show will be a special acoustic performance with the Mike McClure Band.

Thursday's show will feature CCR with performances by Jared Daniels Band and the Mike McClure Band. Doors open at 7 p.m., and show time is 8 each night.

Cross Canadian Ragweed is a four-member band comprised of guitarist Grady Cross, bassist Jeremy Plato, drummer Randy Ragsdale and lead singer/guitarist Cody Canada. In 1994, the band formed in Yukon, Okla., and soon relocated to Stillwater, Okla.

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TO THE POINT

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Search should be widened

K-State presidential finalist Robert Kennedy announced Tuesday he will remain in his position as president at the University of Maine. The Kansas Board of Regents also stated Tuesday that the new K-State president will be announced at 1:30 p.m. today.

This seems a little off. By late last month, the three finalists had visited K-State to make their pitches and before the end of January, Steve Ballard, chancellor of East Carolina University, pulled out of the race, stating he would continue in his position at ECU.

Now that Kennedy has also dropped out, the Board will hire either Kirk Schulz, vice president of research and economic development at Mississippi State University, or ... well, that's it.

We aren't expecting the Regents' announcement this afternoon to be terribly surprising.

We are disappointed in the search committee and the Regents' failure to expand the pool of candidates. With just one candidate remaining, are they simply settling for who's left?

K-State's future is in the hands of the Board's new hire. We want the best administrators in the country vying for this spot.

We understand halting the announcement and looking for new candidates could have devastating effects on the Regents' timeline, but if it's in the best interests of the university, it should be considered.

Besides, these new developments leave us with many questions. Why are candidates suddenly disinterested? Why weren't more K-State administrators interested in the position? Is there no one else in the nation who might make a good president?

Something's missing, and we want to know what.

Picture book



Illustration by Molly Miller | COLLEGIAN

Investing in memories now will pay off later



WHITNEY HODGINS

The Royal Purple that is coming out this April will be the 100th yearbook in K-State history, but what do you care? Yearbooks are for high school students to cheese in and sign away phone numbers and 'BFF's; what good would the storied pages do for us 20-somethings? They're heavy magazines of history destined to collect decades of dust between uses, and you probably forgot to get your picture taken for it anyway. They're worthless relics of 20th century nostalgia that managed to carry on into a new century far too advanced to warrant a \$40 sticker price for paper and ink.

For those who agree, get over yourselves. Your short-sightedness is nauseating, and I'm writing to correct your attitude before it's too late.

"Without the Royal Purple, we would have never known the first mascot of K-State was a black labrador named Bosco," research specialist Pat Patton told me yesterday in the university archives.

Without the Royal Purple, the PGA

tour wouldn't have called K-State for pictures of Tiger Woods' father, who graduated from here in 1953 with a degree in sociology. That phone call was directed to Student Publications, which is suffering a budget cut along with the rest of the university. There are ways to cut corners, but the trimmings are already on the floor. The Royal Purple staff has shaved it down to the bare essentials of any yearbook.

Linda Puntney, director of the journalism school and Royal Purple advisor, started working here nearly 20 years ago and has witnessed the shrinking spines of the yearbook.

"We had 612 pages when I started," she said. "Now we have 480 and minimal color, unlike high school yearbooks and books from other universities. We hate to cut pages because that hurts us in being able to provide the best coverage of the entire campus."

No one is playing a sympathetic violin for yearbooks, particularly in the Collegian, but I am throwing china on concrete for the sake of history.

"There's not a day goes by that we don't use the Royal Purple," Patton said from the archives office on the fifth floor of Hale. "They're so heavily used they wear out."

Earl Woods' mother and sisters graduated from K-State too, and she showed me their records to prove it. Tiger doesn't have much to do with K-State professionally, but when his father was buried in Sunset Cemetery, the golf pro flew in to pay his respects in the town his fa-

ther grew up in. Earl was K-State's second black baseball player, and the first one according to local legend--a fact the yearbook makes plain.

"I hate to correct history, but..." Patton trailed off.

She brought out the first Royal Purple from 1909 "when the parking garage used to be a stable for horses and buggies" and another that had been wrapped in suede and personally embossed with gold ink. Some have artifacts tucked in them from their original owners, like a piece of lace from one woman's graduation dress, and newspaper clippings. Worthless at the time, but priceless today.

"When they're here they blow it off, but in time, when they are older, they come back and ask to see them," said university archivist Tony Crawford.

Sales for yearbooks have been skyrocketing on eBay because people like you who didn't buy a yearbook the first time around are starting to feel old and need visual reminders of the past. Imagine what the shipping costs are for a book of such magnitude. All kidding aside, a yearbook signed by Elvis Presley his senior year is currently up for bid at \$13,000.

You can order your yearbook on iSIS, over the phone or through the mail. The number for the Student Publication's office is 785-532-6555.

Whitney Hodgins is a senior in print journalism. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

Raising education budgets could reduce prison population



BOBBY GOMEZ

Why is the land of the free the leading police state?

According to the Pew, a nonpartisan research center, one in every 100 Americans is behind bars in the largest per-capita prison population in the world. The U.S. population is less than five percent of the world's total, but we incarcerate more than 20 percent of the world's prisoners.

How is this possible? How does a country founded on democracy, freedom, justice and equality hold two million of the nine million total prisoners in the world? Are

there just more "evildoers," to apply a Bushism, born in America, or has a structural system been created that uses incarceration as a remedy to social problems?

If I asked you to imagine the U.S. as a nation that abolished prisons and provided an alternative that decreased crime and increased safety you would probably call me an idealist.

Do prisons really ensure the safety of law-abiding citizens? While this is a popular claim, there is no statistical support. Adam Gelb, director of Pew's Public Safety Performance Project, said, "For all the money spent on corrections today, there hasn't been a clear and convincing return for public safety."

States now spend about \$23,876 annually on maintaining just one prisoner, while states spend only \$8,701 a year on a K-12 student. Tom Carroll, president of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, said investment in education not only improves graduation rates but reduces incarceration rates, increases economic competitiveness and lowers health-care cost. Countries that invest in education and achieve strong

academic performances have the lowest prison populations. We need to invest in caring for our children more than caring for our criminals.

According to a recent joint study by Oxford and Cambridge University, there might be twice the number of prisoners suffering from mental illness and major depression than in all psychiatric hospitals in the U.S. combined. Many of these people fall below the poverty level and do not have access to proper treatment.

Putting millions in cages is a reactive approach that does nothing for public safety or economic development. As a country we must radically shift our focus from spending on prisons to spending on education and medical reform. To lessen this country's dependence on prison, look not for one alternative but a collection of solutions that ensure all Americans are educated, healthy and free.

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Professor encourages children to question authority in new book

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Philip Nel, director of the English department's children's literature program, recently released an anthology of out-of-print children's stories titled, "Tales for Little Rebels: A Collection of Radical Children's Literature."

"Rather than teaching children to obey authority, to conform or to seek redemption through prayer, 20th-century leftists encouraged children to question the authority of those in power," according to a description on the book's jacket. "Tales

for Little Rebels' collects 44 mostly out-of-print stories, poems, comic strips, primers and other texts for children that embody this radical tradition."

Nel coedited the book with Julia Mickenberg, associate professor of American studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Critical essays cowritten by the two introduce each story and chapter of the book.

"You could really find a history of the left in the 20th century in this book," Nel said.

Works included in the book discuss concerns such

as "peace, civil rights, gender equality, environmental responsibility and the dignity of labor," Nel said.

Since its release in November 2008, "Tales for Little Rebels" has been featured in many mass-market media outlets, including the New York Times and Nel has also traveled to different states to discuss the book on several regional public radio programs.

"It was insightful, but accessible criticism, which means people outside the academy read it, too," said Erica Hateley, assistant professor of children's literature.

Nel said "Tales for Little Rebels" happened to appear at a time when the economy and nation was in crisis.

"It was published at a moment when there seemed to be a paradigm shift, and capitalist ethics were in question," he said. "Even without the timing, putting the word 'radical' next to 'children' catches peoples' attention."

In Nel's office at the end of a hall in the English and Counseling Services building, a "Republicans for VolDEMORT" sticker is affixed to a prominent bookcase. It is packed row by

row with volumes of literary criticism neatly standing parallel with each other.

"In some ways, children's literature is the most important stuff you're going to read, because you read it before you've figured out who you really are," Nel said. "It's also fun stuff to teach. People are always surprised that books for kids can be taken seriously — that they're literature."

Laura Roderick, graduate student in children's literature, has taken Nel's radical children's literature course. She said has taught her to view children's literature from a historical perspective.

"Dr. Nel is always laughing and happy, and during class he makes a lot of Dr. Seuss references," Roderick said.

In addition to "Tales for Little Rebels," Nel has authored "The Annotated Cat: Under the Hats of Seuss and His Cats," "Dr. Seuss: American Icon," "The Avant-Garde and American Postmodernity: Small Incisive Shocks" and "J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter Novels: A Reader's Guide."

"I'm probably best known for the Dr. Seuss and Harry Potter stuff," Nel jokingly said.

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Cats can't overlook Texas Tech



JUSTIN NUTTER

There are plenty of reasons for the Wildcat faithful to start gearing up for Saturday's Sunflower Showdown.

K-State is out for revenge after getting embarrassed by the No. 16 Jayhawks in Lawrence last month. The Wildcats have won five straight games – three on the road – and are one of the hottest teams in the conference. And let's not forget KU's Monday night loss to the Missouri Tigers – the Jayhawks' first conference loss and their last game until Saturday. All signs are leading to another high-profile match-up between the in-state rivals. There's just one thing standing in the Wildcats' way: tonight's showdown with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

After listening to talk around campus, it seems like fans don't even realize there's a game this evening. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate the significance of the KU game just as much as the next guy, but K-State can't afford to look past anyone in the Big 12.

Ever since becoming the Wildcats' head coach, Frank Martin has preached the importance of winning in the Big 12. The Red Raiders have just two conference wins so far, but K-State would be ill-advised to take them lightly tonight. The beauty of this conference is that anyone can win on any day. Wildcat fans should know that as well as anyone after watching their team upset heavily favored Texas in Austin on Jan. 31.

Fans shouldn't take this as a lecture, but more of a warning that an upset is a definite possibility. Hopefully, last year's match-up with Texas Tech is still fresh in the Wildcats' minds. K-State entered Lubbock as a heavy favorite in 2008, but fell victim to the almighty upset in an 84-75 loss, which was much worse than the final score showed. Guard Alan Voskuil, then a junior, erupted for a career-high 30 points and the Red Raiders led by as many as 22 in the second half. K-State narrowed the gap late, but the game was already out of hand.

Wildcat students and fans can help make sure history doesn't repeat itself tonight. A sellout crowd and hostile environment are inevitable for Saturday, but I encourage fans to fill Bramlage Coliseum to-night and create the intimidating atmosphere opposing teams have learned to hate. The opponent may not be the most fun to watch, but K-State should still get the full house it deserves.

The Wildcats have definitely turned things around in Big 12 play over the last few weeks, but they still have a lot to do to pad their NCAA Tournament resume. While a win against KU would certainly help their cause, a loss to a conference bottom dweller would hurt it just as much. As important as topping the Jayhawks is to students and the Manhattan community, keeping the current win streak intact will be equally as important in the long run.

Martin has stressed how important every game is all season, and in a conference as competitive as the Big 12, the Wildcats need every win they can get. Bramlage Coliseum has been called one of the toughest places to play, and fans need to make sure that reputation is upheld tonight. Be there and be loud. See you at the game.

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Huddle up



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Emilee Vinson, sophomore in athletic training, watches members of the women's rugby team practice the tight five drill. The women's rugby team has about 20 members and practices Tuesdays from 9-10:30 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-9:30.

Women's rugby team opens sport to all

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's rugby team includes players of all physical varieties. Some are tall, others are short. Some are thin, while others are muscular.

Despite differences in appearance, all the players have one strong, uniting factor: love for the game of rugby.

"People, when they hear rugby, they think you have to be really strong and muscular. You don't have to be this big, strong girl to be able to play rugby," said Rachel Thiher, rugby team president and sophomore in animal sciences and industry. "There are positions and a place for everyone on the team."

Chris Sorenson, rugby adviser, said the members of the team are completely self-motivated and self-sufficient.

He said his job only requires him to sign necessary paperwork and the women do the rest.

"They don't really need me. They run themselves, which is a good thing," Sorenson said. "The women we've had the last few years are outstanding leaders. They've kept the team together."

Thiher said she joined the team because

her mother is from Australia, where rugby is a common sport.

"I like that it's such a team sport," Thiher said. "You can't do it by yourself. I just love hanging out with the girls. It's a fun group, a fun game and we have fun on and off the field together."

After both home and away games, the host team has a social for all competitors to attend.

"Both teams will socialize, joke around and play games," she said. "Off the field, you're friends with people on other teams. It's a very social group, as well as athletic."

Thiher described rugby as a combination of soccer and football without pads. There are 15 players from each team on the field at all times, and each player is given a specific job to create a scoring play.

Alicia Thiessen, sophomore in business administration, said she has been playing rugby for three and a half years. She joined the K-State team after attending practice with a friend and getting hooked.

"I play because I enjoy the game and the friendships with my teammates and other teams," Thiessen said. "When things are going our way and we're doing things correctly, it's amazing. I've caught myself

getting too excited a few times and missing my assignment, so I try not to think about it till a break [in the game]."

The team is currently in the process of recruiting new members.

"It's a rough sport and a lot of women don't want to play that type of sport," Sorenson said. "If you compare rugby to any other sport where women excel, you don't see that kind of physical contact."

Thiher said the team has about 20 members, but she hopes to gain more.

"I would just encourage people to not be intimidated by it. There's a position for everyone on the team and you can only get better," Thiher said. "A lot of our members, when they come to K-State or our team, they've never played before. We break it down to the basics and really take time to teach you about the sport."

Though these women all have different personalities, their teamwork on the field has led to lasting friendships off it.

"It helped me to meet new people that were looking for the same thing I was," Thiher said. "The camaraderie and companionship I have with others on the team [keeps me going]. I can tell them anything and they're not going to make judgments on that."

Cats look to extend winning streak against Raiders

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Cats forward Jamar Samuels celebrates during the Chicago State game on Jan. 5. Samuels is fourth in total points with an average of 9.2 per game.



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After winning its second consecutive game in the state of Texas, the K-State men's basketball team returns home to face the Texas Tech Red Raiders on Wednesday night.

K-State (16-7, 5-4 Big 12 Conference) is coming off a 65-60 win over the Texas A&M Aggies last Saturday afternoon. The Wildcats have won five consecutive games and their conference record is over .500 for the first time this season.

"Winning on the road in the Big 12 Conference is so hard because everyone is so good," head coach Frank Martin said. "You just want to give yourself a chance to be able to win at the end of the game."

During Saturday's game, the Wildcats were led by sophomore guard Jacob Pullen with 16 points on 6-11 field goals. Pullen's starting backcourt counterpart, junior guard Denis Clemente, scored 12 of his 14 points in the final 13 minutes of the game. K-State is now 10-0 this season when the duo of Pullen and Clemente score double-digits points.

"We feel good about our guard play," Martin said. "They continue to get better and mature every day."

K-State continued its stingy defensive play, holding the Aggies to just 60 points on 38.3 percent shooting, including 29.4 percent from 3-point range.

The Wildcats are still second in the Big 12 in rebounding margin and are

now sixth in the conference in scoring defense.

"I'd like to think that we play hard every day," Martin said. "That's a staple of every team I coach."

Texas Tech (12-11, 2-6 Big 12) enters Wednesday's game on a high note after beating the Baylor Bears 83-76 on Saturday. The victory snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Raiders overcame a double-digit second-half deficit to Baylor to capture their 11th home win of the season.

"There is not a bad team in this league," Martin said. "His team is finally taking on his personality, which they were unable to do last year because he took over mid-way through last year's season."

On Saturday, the Red Raiders had three players score in double-digits. Senior guard Alan Voskuil and sophomore guard John Roberson led the team with 18 points each. Voskuil and Roberson make up 40 percent of the total team's scoring.

Roberson leads the team in scoring and in assists with 14.7 points per game and 6.7 assists per game.

Texas Tech is averaging 78.7 points per game on 46 percent field goal shooting.

Tip-off is scheduled for 8:05 p.m. on Wednesday in Bramlage Coliseum. Approximately 500 unused tickets from the student allotment are still available. General admission tickets are priced at \$20 and can be purchased in person or by phone at 800-221-CATS.

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Where to Buy: Shirts can be purchased at any home game, the K-State Super Store or Cats Closet in Manhattan.

THE EDGE



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
Kendra Ramsey, senior pre-professional in secondary education, applies a pain relieving gel, to a K-State track athlete.

MUST LOVE SPORTS

Athletic training students gain experience with K-State athletes

By Katie Morford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On game days, students pour into the stands of Snyder Family Stadium to cheer on the football team. But some students interact with the athletes and watch the game from a different vantage point.

"It's really unique that we get to stand down on the field with [the athletes] every day and have the opportunity to care for them," said Morgan Nichols, junior in athletic training.

Shawna Jordan, assistant professor and director of the athletic training education program, said K-State has offered a formal degree program in athletic training since the early 1990s.

Nichols said she gained an interest in the profession when an athletic trainer at her high school helped Nichols through several sports-related injuries. Nichols said that interest increased when she visited K-State, partly because she really liked the staff.

"Their vision is to help us learn," Nichols said.

Jordan said their goal is to give the students enough experience for them to discover their strengths and interests. Athletic training students are required to have experience in a medical setting with an equipment sport and with a physically active population before graduation. To fulfill part of this requirement, athletic training students do a practicum with one or more K-State sports teams. Jordan said it really provides "students with the opportunity to take the knowledge from the

classroom setting and be able to apply it in a learning environment."

Nichols, who said she'd like to work in a university setting as an athletic trainer, said she has learned quite a bit in the past three years.

"It's as much a learning experience as the classroom," she said.

Not only did Nichols have to gain the medical skills for the job, she also had to learn time management. She said last semester during the football season she spent around 60 hours a week doing the practicum, in addition to her classes.

"I've grown a lot as a person from this experience, learning how to work with my schedule and manage my time a lot more," Nichols said.

Student trainers help their assigned teams with injuries and rehabilitation under the guidance of 10 professional athletic trainers, Jordan said. The trainers evaluate students on different proficiencies and provide advice.

"They must do them correctly and under our supervision," said Matt Thomason, head athletic trainer at K-State.

Thomason is in his fourth year as head athletic trainer.

"All three have been crucial in making this experience better for us," Nichols said. "They're always there to pour into us and any questions we have, we know they'll answer them."

Thomason said one of the athletic training staff's challenges is to care for the mental and physical health of both their athletes and the student trainers.

"When you're evaluating a stu-

dent athlete, you're also teaching the student athletic trainer," he said.

Nichols said during her first semester, the athletic training staff had to demonstrate many of her daily tasks, but now she and the other students have developed more confidence.

"We could do things on our own, and know that we would do it right," she said.

A student's faith in their abilities, gained by experience, is one of the results of the athletic training sports practicum. Jordan said it allows the students to practice skills, ask questions and have a mentor beside them along the way.

"We really see a change in self-confidence," Jordan said. "I think it helps students feel a little more secure when graduating."

Thomason warned it takes a special type of person to be an athletic trainer.

"If you're doing this job, you're not doing it for yourself," he said. "You're doing it for the interaction with the people and because you want to help somebody."

Despite the perks, being a student athletic trainer can be very challenging.

"You have to put in the time in the classroom and to put in the time in the training room," he said. "To not be afraid to get your hands dirty and to work hard."

For Nichols, the benefits of her decision to become an athletic trainer make it worth the difficulties.

"I don't regret it at all," she said.

LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Airplane conversations, new friends make trip fun



ADAM REICHENBERGER

"Good morning, ladies and sirs," the pilot came on over the speaker. "I'm happy to have you with us today, but unfortunately we're going to be delayed a bit."

The sweet old lady next to me let out a long sigh that made me laugh. Richie, the soldier sitting on my other side, was asleep.

"I've been told they're not landing anyone in Dallas right now, but nothing beyond that," the pilot went on. "Hopefully we'll be off the ground soon."

The sweet old lady leaned in closer to me to ask, "How funny would it be if Richie woke after an hour nap and we're still sitting here?"

She was a delight. We talked about her family a lot. She was on her way to Mexico City to visit her son.

"Turns out getting laid off twice was the best thing to happen to him," she told me. "Or at least it helped lead him to the life he loves now."

This absolutely thrilled her. I smiled. I'm a firm believer that everything will work out just lovely. Like Jewel said, "... we're all OK." That's right. Jewel. Didn't see that coming, did you?

I told her about my sisters, my mother, my father and my friends; I told her about economics and Hemingway and Fitzgerald; I told her about my life and she laughed. There was never a joke told but we laughed the whole time we sat there waiting for Dallas to get their heads straight.

Stupid Texas. The stars at night aren't nearly as big or bright down there as they think.

An hour and a half later, we took off. In the air, Richie awoke and, finding out he was headed to Iraq, I turned my attention to entertaining him. He wouldn't make eye contact. I gathered he hadn't had many friends in his life. We talked about nothing for almost two hours, and though I felt bad about seemingly ignoring the sweet old lady, I felt it was necessary.

"What's this one?" I pointed to the patches on his sleeve.

"Tropic Lightning. The Marines gave us that nickname in World War II; said we came in like tropic lightning and saved their butts."

"Sounds about right."

As we approached Dallas, the flight attendant came on to announce everyone's connecting flights and their respective terminals.

She finished the list. My destination hadn't been mentioned.

"You gotta be kidding me," I said as bluntly as I could.

"Where are you headed to again?" the sweet old lady asked sweetly.

"Portland," I told her.

"I didn't hear them mention Portland. Did they mention Portland?"

"No. No, they didn't." Richie chimed in with a laugh, "That sucks."

"Thanks, Richie."

We landed and left without any goodbyes. I ran up to the departure screens. Nothing. It was gone. Having never been in this situation before, I stood around and waited for someone else from my plane to realize the same predicament. Nope. I was the only one going to Portland, and I was the only one missing a flight.

I found the ticket counter and explained my situation.

"Let's see, you're going to Portland?"

"Yes, sir."

"Uh ... It doesn't look good."

I couldn't help but laugh.

"Here's what we can do," he said as he handed me two tickets.

The first was a standby ticket for a 4:30 p.m. flight. The second was an actual seat on an 8:30 flight that night. It was noon, which meant 8 hours alone in an airport.

"Is there anything else I can help you out with, sir?"

"Sure you can," I grinned.

"Where's the bar?"

To be continued tomorrow ...

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MUSIC REVIEW

Lily Allen loses edge on sophomore album



"It's Not Me, It's You"

Lily Allen

★★★★☆

Review by Gloria Funcheon

Despite its accusatory title, Lily Allen has lost her bite in her sophomore album. Released February 10th, "It's Not Me, It's You" takes Allen in a new direction. She's all but abandoned her claws-out approach for a more cautious,

self-reflective album.

Allen sounds sultry and smooth. Her vocals have become more breathy and melodic, but in doing so she has lost some of the crisp, almost speak-singing from her debut album "Alright, Still." She seems more concerned with sounding fashionably bored than with playing the role of the tough girl at the bar.

One of the biggest changes in Allen's new album are the lyrics. She's dropped such feisty lines like "at first when I see you cry / it makes me smile" from "Smile" for a more repentant "could you find it in your heart / to go back to the start" from "Back to the Start." Allen sounds defensive, as if "It's Not Me, It's You" is recanting the forceful nature of "Alright, Still."

Her lyrics are also more personal. "Not Fair" is an ode to a previous lover that failed to satisfy her sexually, yet the most she can dish out is "it's not fair / I think you're really mean."

In fact, this album sounds as if Allen just started writing in her diary. "Who'd Have Known," "Chinese" and "The Fear" are the biggest culprits. The eighth track, with its profane title, is the only one where Allen explicitly shows her rebellious spirit.

This song, as well as "Him," seem to be political commentary. Allen tackles another big issue — depression — in "Everyone's At It," where she tries to convince the listener to be open and honest about this problem. Her attempt at challenging soci-

etal views of women in "22" abandons the notion of female empowerment of waiting for Prince Charming to come along.

This album is safe for Allen. None of the songs really stand out above the others musically.

In what seems like an attempt to get a bigger fan base, the music, at times, sounds indistinguishable from that of a pop princess.

It almost sounds overproduced; it is lacking the stark contrast and heavy beat that made "Alright, Still" so appealing.

There are plenty of catchy tunes and enough memorable lines to make this a mainstream success. It's a good pop album, but nothing new. Sorry, Lily, it's not me, it's you.

NPR | Correspondent focuses on current change in media image

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success was that he was as prepared as he could be for his moment," he said. "You have to be prepared for your moment. The reality is you never know when your moment is coming."

Gordon also touched on the issue of race when he said "the issue of race in this country is something we are never comfortable talking about in mixed company. These types of issues are where Barack has opened the door."

Later, Gordon addressed some of the situations he has been in when people made assumptions about him because of his race. Specifically, during the O.J. Simpson trials, Gordon said there was always a question of if a black reporter like himself could talk to O.J. Simpson, or if they would be fair.

"Yet," he said, "this question was never asked of a white reporter covering a story about a white person."

In another situation, Gordon was asked to cover the black perspective on the Democratic Convention, which took place in Chicago. Gordon agreed to the assignment, but said he was dismayed when he was told to go to the projects for the story, as if that was the only place African-Americans could be found in Chicago.

Carmen Ellis, senior in elementary education and BSU president, said these types of experiences "challenge African-Americans to work harder, so that they are not asked to cover stories just because they're black."

She also said she agreed with Gordon's emphasis on opportunity, saying his words reminded her of how important it is to "[take] opportunity and run with it."

Issues of economics also affect student's opportunities, Gordon said. In a tight economy, he said he sees many jobs disappearing.

"The reality is because

those jobs are going away, it's tighter and tighter to get a job," he said. "When you walk in and present your résumé, it has to be a better resume than it was five years ago, better than it was 10 years ago, because the competition is stiffer."

Not only is the economy as a whole becoming more competitive, but Gordon said the world of journalism is changing as well.

More and more content is moving from television and print sources to the internet, and Gordon said he believes the trend is unlikely to change.

Nick Levendofsky, junior in agricultural communications, said he finds this trend unfortunate, and he sees the media as "catering to our interests — our society is so fast-paced that we need sound bytes."

Levendofsky said he is also concerned about an increase in reporters who have very little journalistic training, citing Joe the Plumber and D.L. Hughley as examples of people who have begun reporting with little or no training.

Gordon, however, said he believes though lack of training in ethical journalism is a concern, the move to Web-based journalism might increase diversity in the type of stories and perspectives that receive attention.

To aspiring journalists, he said to "ride the wave, whatever it becomes."

"I've seen tremendous change in the last fifteen years," he said. "Writing and true journalism will exist, but it will exist in a different medium."

Though he warned students about the need to be realistic during the economic crisis, Gordon ended on an optimistic note, telling students to always be ready for their next opportunity.

"There's a huge world of opportunity out there for you," he said. "There are new opportunities and a new world that you have a chance to be part of, but you have to be ready for it."

BRI | Facility to open earlier than planned



Nathaniel Larue | COLLEGIAN
DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano and **Gov. Kathleen Sebelius** discuss the future of the National Bio and Agro-Defense facility in Manhattan with local press Tuesday afternoon. Napolitano was in town to tour the Biosecurity Research Institute with the governor as well as local and state leaders.

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to determine how the BRI can be used to jump-start research projects for the NBAF before it is finished in 2015 or 2016.

Though the BRI is still testing to see if all its facilities are functioning properly, it should be fully operational by the end of this spring, Thornton said.

State representatives from Manhattan and the state senator from Manhattan attended and spoke with Napolitano.

"I was pleased that she got to tour the facility and see the grounds and see the way we put this together," said Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan.

Outside the BRI, several community members who were dressed in bright

yellow T-shirts held large signs displaying their objection to the construction of the NBAF on the K-State campus.

Bill Dorsett, a 30-year Manhattan resident, said he was concerned about the threat of some of the most infectious diseases to livestock escaping the facility.

"It has to be perfect, and these labs haven't shown themselves to be perfect," Dorsett said.

The BRI was the first stop for Napolitano and Sebelius in their tour of Kansas. Tomorrow, Sebelius and Napolitano, who, as DHS secretary, will also oversee FEMA, will talk with emergency managers in Topeka on state preparedness issues and tour the Greensburg, Kan., community.

MHS football coach resigns

By Joel Aschbrenner
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Butch Albright, Manhattan High School football coach and K-State alumnus, resigned as the high school's head football coach Monday.

Albright had been the school's head coach for the past 11 seasons and has been a teacher in the Manhattan/Ogden school district for the past 36 years. He will continue to coach physical education at Manhattan High.

Albright's teams advanced to state title games in 2000 and 2001, but lost both.

"For the past 36 years, Butch Albright has had a major influence on the traditions and pride of Manhattan High School football," said Terry McCarty, MHS principal. "We are grateful for his efforts and commitment to students and student-athletes."

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BIG 12 MEN'S BREAKDOWN		BIG 12 WOMEN'S BREAKDOWN	
<div>BAYLOR (15-8, 3-6 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Oklahoma Key player: Senior guard Curtis Jerrells. The catalyst for the Baylor offense leads the team in scoring with 16.4 points per game. He will look to get them back on track after losing five straight games.</div> <div></div>	<div>COLORADO (9-13, 1-7 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Iowa State Key player: Sophomore guard Cory Higgins. Higgins is the only bright spot for the Buffaloes this year as he leads the team in scoring at 17.5 points per game, in rebounding with 5.8 rebounds per game.</div> <div></div>	<div>BAYLOR (19-3, 7-2 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 8 Up next: at Oklahoma State Key player: Junior forward Danielle Wilson. The powerful guard leads the Bears in blocked shots and scoring with 14.9 points per game and 69 blocks on the season.</div> <div></div>	<div>COLORADO (10-11, 2-7 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Texas A&M Key player: Sophomore forward Brittany Spears. The forward for the Buffs is leading Colorado and ranks among the top of the conference in scoring. Colorado will look to Spears in the second half of Big 12 play.</div> <div></div>
<div>IOWA STATE (12-11, 1-7 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Colorado Key player: Sophomore forward Craig Brackins. The Cyclones have lost six games in a row and Brackins is the only thing keeping the team afloat. He is second in the Big 12 in scoring at 19.1 points per game.</div> <div></div>	<div>KANSAS (19-5, 8-1 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 21 Up next: at K-State Key player: Sophomore center Cole Aldrich. Aldrich is the only other player averaging a double-double, besides Oklahoma's Blake Griffin, in the Big 12 with 14.6 points per game and 10.2 rebounds per game.</div> <div></div>	<div>IOWA STATE (18-4, 6-2 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 16 Up next: at Oklahoma Key player: Key Player: Senior guard Heather Ezell is leading the Cyclones in scoring with 12 points per game and will look to lead the Cyclones as they make a push toward the top of the conference standings.</div> <div></div>	<div>KANSAS (13-8, 2-6 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Texas Key player: Junior guard Danielle McCray. The senior guard is leading the Jayhawks in scoring and is one of the premier players in the Big 12.</div> <div></div>
<div>K-STATE (16-7, 5-4 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: receiving votes Up next: vs. Texas Tech Key player: Junior guard Denis Clemente. Clemente leads the Wildcats in scoring at 14.3 points per game. The Wildcats are 10-0 when the duo of Clemente and sophomore guard Jacob Pullen each score in double-digits.</div> <div></div>	<div>MISSOURI (21-4, 8-2 BIG 2)</div> <div>AP rank: 19 Up next: vs. Nebraska Key player: Senior forward DeMarre Carroll. Carroll leads the Tigers in scoring with 17.3 points and in rebounding with 7.0 rebounds per game.</div> <div></div>	<div>K-STATE (19-3, 6-3 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 20 Up next: vs. Oklahoma State Key player: Senior forward Marlies Gipson. K-State's post play will be critical in the second half of conference play. Gipson and junior Ashley Sweat will anchor the post for the Wildcats.</div> <div></div>	<div>MISSOURI (11-11, 2-7 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Baylor Key player: Senior guard Alyssa Hollins. Hollins continues to lead the Tigers in scoring with 13 points per game. She led the Tigers to their second conference victory against Kansas with 15 points.</div> <div></div>
<div>NEBRASKA (15-7, 5-4 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Missouri Key player: Senior guard Ade Dagunduro. Dagunduro leads the Cornhuskers in scoring and in rebounding. He is averaging 11.8 points per game and 4 rebounds per game.</div> <div></div>	<div>OKLAHOMA (23-1, 9-0 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 2 Up next: at Baylor Key player: Sophomore guard Blake Griffin. Griffin leads the Big 12 in scoring and in rebounding with 22.3 points per game and 14.0 rebounds per game.</div> <div></div>	<div>NEBRASKA (10-12, 1-8 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Texas Tech Key player: Key Player: Junior guard Yvonne Turner. Turner is the leader of a struggling Cornhusker team averaging 15 points per game. She will look to get her team on the right track during the second half of conference play.</div> <div></div>	<div>OKLAHOMA (20-2, 8-0 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 2 Up next: vs. Iowa State Key player: Senior center Courtney Paris. Paris is a three-time consensus All American and has registered 112 consecutive double-doubles. She has been the foundation of the Sooners who are the only remaining unbeaten team in Big 12 play.</div> <div></div>
<div>OKLAHOMA STATE (14-8, 3-5 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Iowa State Key player: Junior guard Obi Muonelo. Muonelo was the only bright spot for the Cowboys during their 78-67 defeat to the Kansas Jayhawks last Saturday.</div> <div></div>	<div>TEXAS (15-7, 4-4 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Colorado Key player: Senior guard A.J. Abrams. Abrams leads the team in scoring with 16.6 points per game. Texas has lost three straight games and the team has dropped from the rankings for the first time all season.</div> <div></div>	<div>OKLAHOMA STATE (14-7, 3-5 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: receiving votes Up next: vs. Baylor Key player: Junior guard Andrea Riley. Riley is the centerpiece of the Cowgirl offense as she is the leading scorer on the squad.</div> <div></div>	<div>TEXAS (16-5, 4-3 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 13 Up next: vs. Kansas Key player: Junior guard Brittainey Raven. The junior guard scored a career high 26 points in the Longhorn's victory against Oklahoma State on Thursday night. She has proved to be an asset to the team that is in the middle of the Big 12 standings.</div> <div></div>
<div>TEXAS A&M (17-7, 3-6 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at Baylor Key player: Senior guard Josh Carter. Carter leads the Aggies' balanced offense with 12.9 points per game. Texas A&M has four players averaging double digits in scoring.</div> <div></div>	<div>TEXAS TECH (12-11, 2-6 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: at K-State Key player: Senior guard Josh Carter. Carter leads the Aggies in scoring with 13.0 points per game. The Aggies are 2-2 in their last four conference games.</div> <div></div>	<div>TEXAS A&M (18-4, 6-3 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: 12 Up next: at Texas Tech Key player: Key Player: Senior guard Takia Starks. Starks is the team leader and will look to push the Aggies through the second half of conference play and keep them among the top teams in the Big 12.</div> <div></div>	<div>TEXAS TECH (13-9, 3-5 BIG 12)</div> <div>AP rank: NR Up next: vs. Texas A&M Key player: Senior forward Dominic Seals. The forward from Dallas leads the Red Raiders in scoring and will be a vital aspect to their success in the second half of conference play.</div> <div></div>

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Making the grade?

With more than half of the Big 12 Conference slate in the books, there have been several surprises — some good, some bad — throughout the league.

Baylor

C-

Baylor seemed poised to turn some heads after jumping out to a 12-1 record, but the wheels have fallen off in Waco, Texas. After starting the season strong, the Bears have stumbled, winning just three of their last 10 contests. Drew's players have been playing with virtually no emotion since their last win — Jan. 21 at K-State — and the road doesn't get any easier in the always competitive Big 12 South.



Scott Drew
BAYLOR COACH

Colorado

D-

In his first season, Bzdelik led the Buffaloes to a lackluster 12-20 finish, and things aren't looking much better in Boulder, Colo., this year. Colorado is the only team in the conference with a losing overall record (9-13) and has just one conference win — a home victory over Iowa State. The Buffs have battled in several contests but haven't been able to win close games, which is a necessity in the Big 12.



Jeff Bzdelik
COLORADO COACH

Iowa State

D

The Cyclones' conference record has gotten worse each year under McDermott. The team finished 6-10 in league play in his first year and just 4-12 last season. That trend seems to be continuing this year, as Iowa State has won just one of its eight conference games so far — a victory over Nebraska, which, unfortunately for McDermott, is the team's best win this year.



Gregg McDermott
IOWA STATE COACH

Kansas

B+

Expectations are always high when your team is coming off a national championship year, especially when that team must replace nearly every primary contributor from the previous season. But Self has coached his new Jayhawks to near-perfection, leading them to an 8-0 start in the Big 12 before a close loss to Missouri on Monday night. However, KU has yet to face most of the top teams in the conference.



Bill Self
KANSAS COACH

K-State

B-

After losing all their significant nonconference games and starting 0-4 in conference play, it looked as though the Wildcats were headed to the Big 12 cellar. But solid defensive play and an iron will — both signature traits of Frank Martin basketball — have propelled K-State to five straight wins. The young, more confident Wildcats have shown the ability to win close games as well as road games.



Frank Martin
K-STATE COACH

Missouri

B

The Tigers, picked to finish seventh in the preseason coaches poll, have been one of the biggest surprises of the conference this season. Since a loss to Nebraska in the conference opener, Anderson has led his squad to seven wins in eight games, including a road upset of Texas. Missouri has cracked the top 20 in the AP poll for the first time this season at No. 19 and is just two games behind Oklahoma.

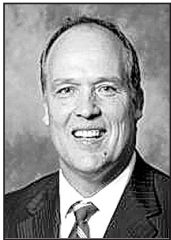


Mike Anderson
MISSOURI COACH

Nebraska

C

Sadler, Nebraska's third-year head coach, has led inconsistent teams in Lincoln, Neb., throughout his tenure. This season has been no exception. Nebraska has shown flashes of brilliance this season, but has been streaky since the start of conference play. To succeed in the Big 12, you must be able to win (or at least compete) day in and day out, which Sadler's team hasn't been able to do this season.



Doc Sadler
NEBRASKA COACH

Oklahoma

A-

The numbers say it all for Capel and the No. 2 Sooners. It's hard to bet against a team with the best record in the country. Blake Griffin and company have played well offensively, and Capel's coaching has led to strong defensive play. The only real concern with Oklahoma's season is margin of victory. The Sooners have allowed opponents to keep the score close this season, and that could hurt them down the road.



Jeff Capel
OKLAHOMA COACH

Oklahoma State

C

Ford, the only rookie coach in the conference, has led his team to a statistically average season thus far. The Cowboys have only lost eight games this year, but unfortunately, five of those losses have come since the start of Big 12 play. Oklahoma State hasn't fared well on the road this season, winning just two games outside of Stillwater, Okla., in six chances.



Travis Ford
OKLAHOMA STATE COACH

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Texas

C-

In recent years under Barnes, the Longhorns have been a mainstay at the top of the conference rankings. This season wasn't supposed to be any different, as they were picked to finish second in the league. After starting the conference season 4-1, Texas seemed poised to make good on that prediction. But the Longhorns have lost three straight conference games and are struggling on offense.




Rick Barnes
BAYLOR COACH

Texas A&M

C-

One doesn't have to look far to find why the Aggies aren't playing up to their expectations this season. In four conference road games this season, Turgeon's squad has accumulated zero wins. The Aggies also have the same amount of wins against ranked opponents. It's impossible to succeed in the Big 12 if you only win the games that you're "supposed to win."




Mark Turgeon
TEXAS A&M COACH

Texas Tech

D+

When Knight took over for his father midway through last season, he inherited a team that made the NCAA Tournament the year before. Since the Red Raiders' postseason appearance in 2007, the program has been on a steady decline. In Knight's first full season at the helm, the Raiders have won just two conference games in eight tries.



Pat Knight
TEXAS TECH

—Compiled by Justin Nutter

Men's Big 12 Conference standings (as of Tuesday)				
Standings	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oklahoma	9	0	23	1
Kansas	8	1	19	5
Missouri	8	2	21	4
K-State	5	4	16	7
Nebraska	5	4	15	7
Texas	4	4	15	7
Oklahoma State	3	5	14	8
Texas A&M	3	6	17	7
Baylor	3	6	15	8
Texas Tech	2	6	12	11
Iowa State	1	7	12	11
Colorado	1	7	9	13

Women's Big 12 Conference standings (as of Tuesday)				
Standings	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oklahoma	8	0	20	2
Baylor	7	2	19	3
Iowa State	6	2	18	4
K-State	6	3	19	3
Texas A&M	6	3	18	5
Texas	5	3	14	7
Oklahoma State	3	5	13	9
Texas Tech	3	5	13	8
Kansas	2	6	11	11
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Colorado	2	7	10	11
Nebraska	1	8	10	12

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